Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (original) Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability, said ferritic stainless steel welded pipe characterized in that after forming, welding, and sizing, a matrix of the welded pipe has an elongation in the circumferential direction of 15% or more.

2. (original) Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability including one or both of Ti and Nb by wt% in an amount of 0.05 to 0.5%, said ferritic stainless steel welded pipe characterized in that a hardness difference ΔHV ($=HV_W-HV_M$) between the Vicker's hardness HV_W of the weld zone and the Vicker's hardness HV_M of the matrix is 10 to 40 in range and in that a ratio RT ($=T_W/T_M$) between a bead thickness T_W of the weld zone and a thickness T_M of the matrix is 1.05 to 1.3.

3. (currently amended) Ferritic stainless steel welded pipe superior in expandability as set forth in ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1, characterized by using an original plate including, by wt%, C: 0.001 to 0.015%, Si: 0.01 to 1.0%, Mn: 0.01 to 1.0%, P: 0.01 to 0.03%, S: 0.0005 to 0.010%, N: 0.001 to 0.020%, Cr: 11 to 25%, Mo: 0.01 to 2.0%, one or both of Ti and Nb in 0.05 to 0.5%, and B: 0.0003 to 0.0030% and comprising a balance of Fe and unavoidable impurities, having an elongation of the welded pipe plate in the direction becoming the circumferential direction of 30% or more, and having an average Lankford value (r value) of 1.5 or more.

4. (currently amended) A method of production of a welded pipe as set forth in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized by sizing of 0.5 to 2.0% in circumferential length after forming and welding.

5. (original) A method of production of a welded pipe as set forth in claim 4, characterized by annealing at 700 to 850°C after forming, welding, and sizing.